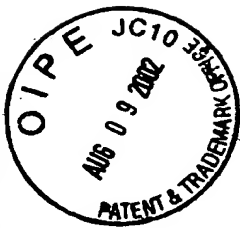


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 02 May 2002, Applicants respectfully elect the claims of Group III, and the species of Figures 1 and 8, which illustrate an absorbent garment and a targeted elastic laminate, respectively. More particularly, the targeted elastic laminate shown in Figure 8 illustrates polymer filaments of different sizes, different densities, and different compositions. Group III includes Claims 19-29, and all of Claims 19-29 are readable on the elected species. Applicants further request cancellation of Claims 1-18 and amendment of the application to include the following new Claims 30-35:

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